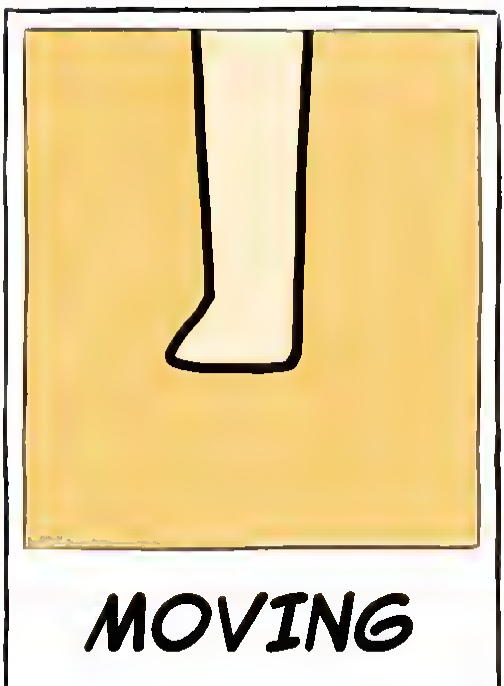
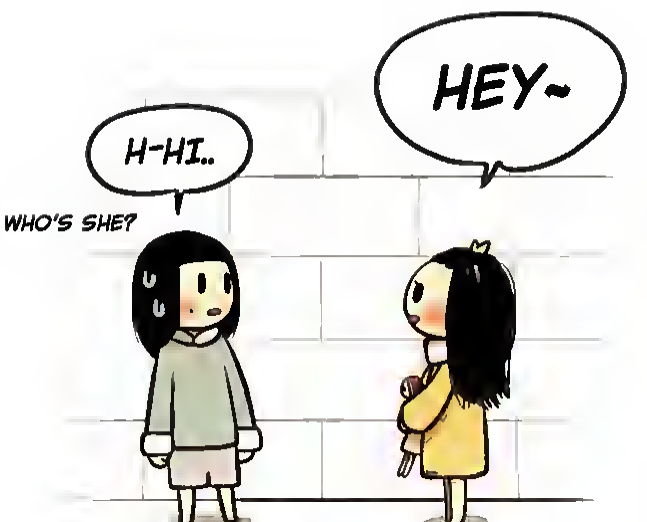
SMILEBRUSH

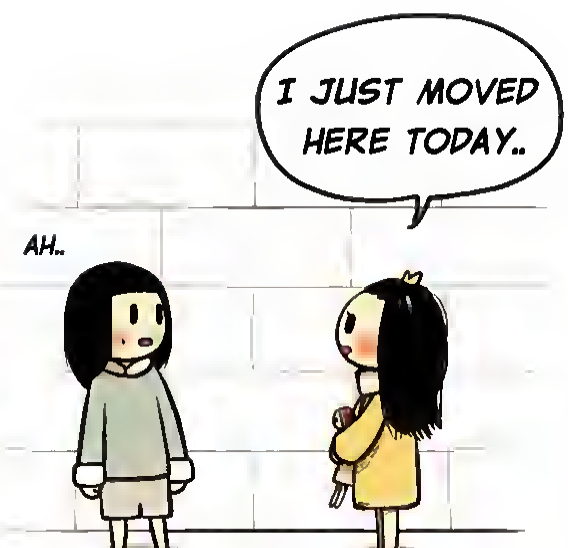
MY OLD PICTURES

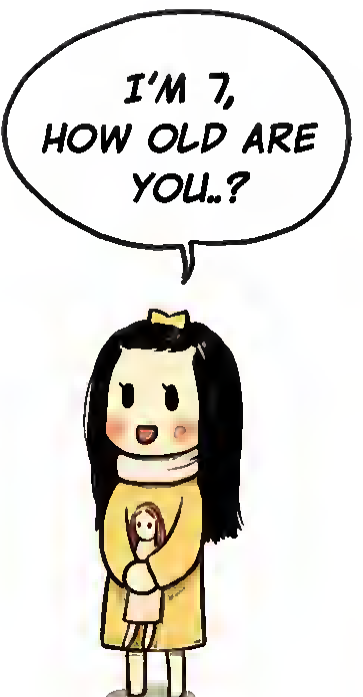
THE 29TH PICTURE

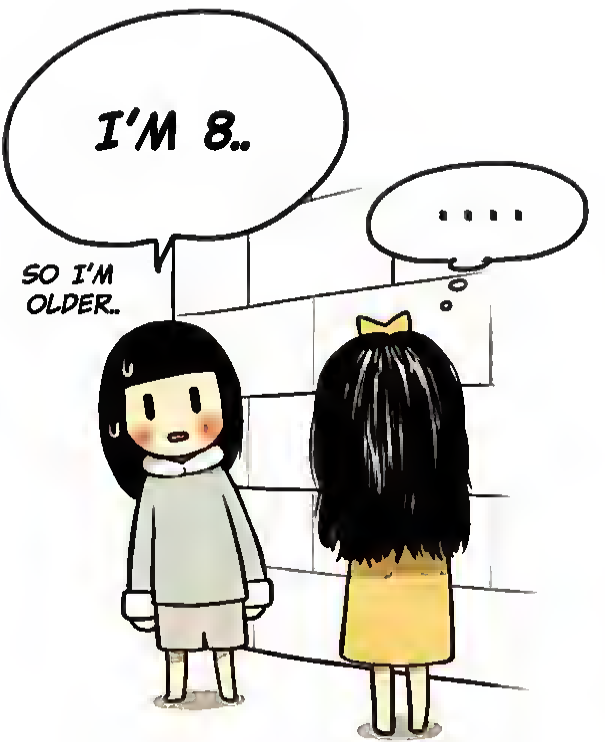


I WAS 8 YEARS OLD AND IT WAS DECEMBER.
SOMEONE MOVED INTO THE PLACE NEXT TO US.


HEY~
H-HI..
WHO'S SHE?


I JUST MOVED HERE TODAY..
AH..


I'M 7,
HOW OLD ARE
YOU..?


I'M 8..
SO I'M OLDER..
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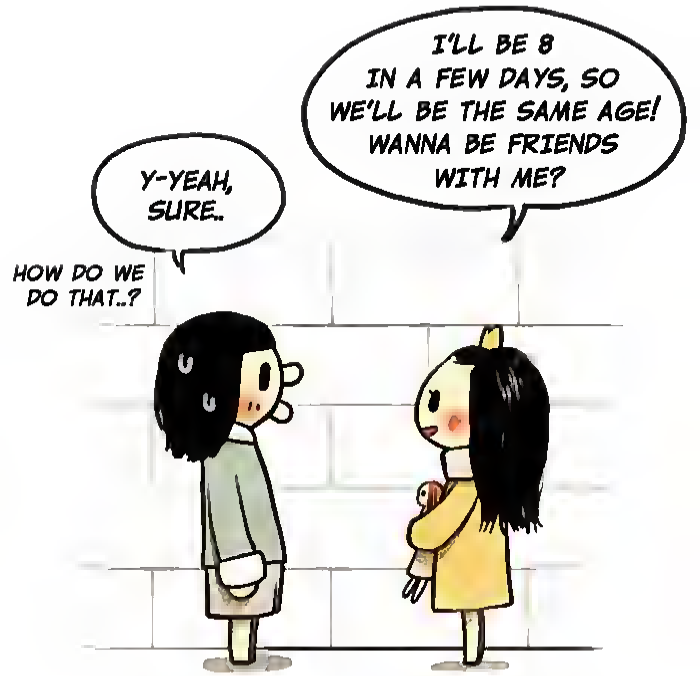
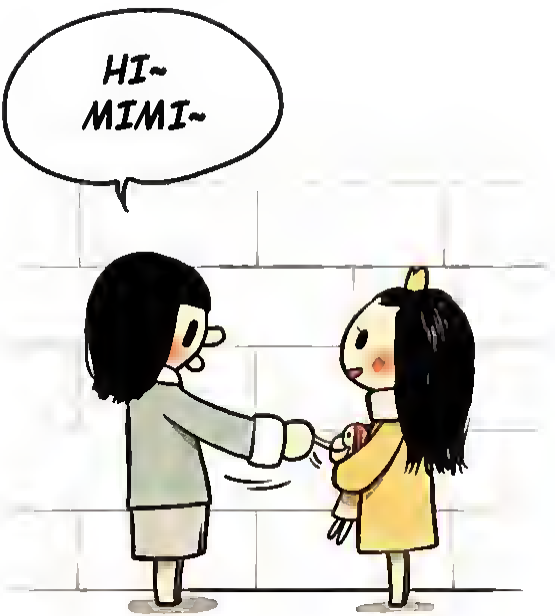
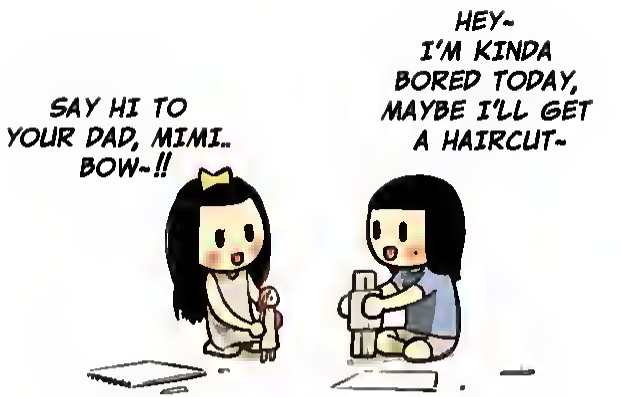

I'LL BE 8 IN A FEW DAYS, SO WE'LL BE THE SAME AGE! WANNA BE FRIENDS WITH ME?
Y-YEAH, SURE..
HOW DO WE DO THAT..?

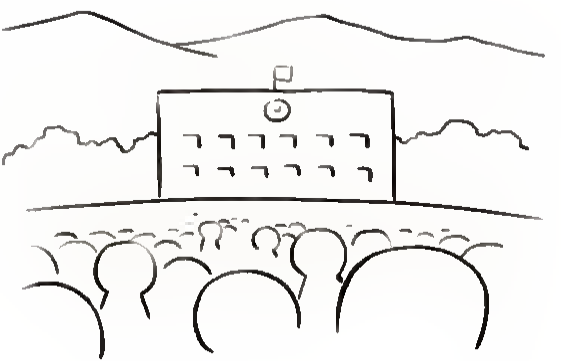
NOW THAT WE'RE FRIENDS, YOU SHOULD SHAKE MIMI'S HAND.
HERE~



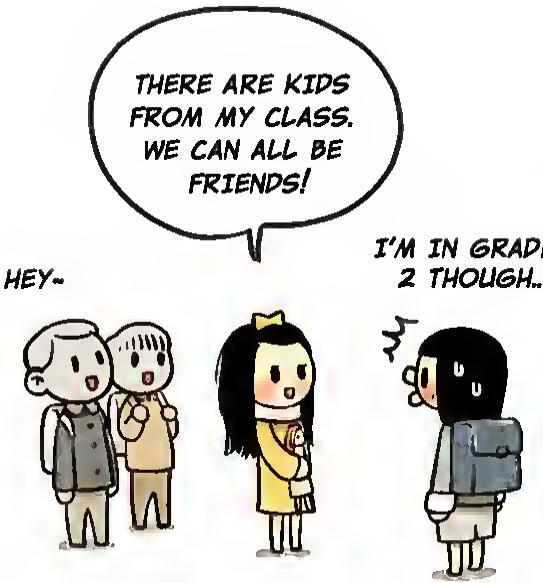
I MADE A NEW FRIEND..



WE SOON BECAME VERY CLOSE FRIENDS.



AFTER A FEW MONTHS, MIMI ENTERED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND I WENT INTO GRADE 2.



MIMI OFTEN USED TO INTRODUCE HER FRIENDS TO ME.

A FEW MONTHS LATER,
IN THE SWELTERING SUMMER..
MIMI ENDED UP MOVING AWAY.

AS A SIGN OF OUR FRIENDSHIP, I'LL GIVE YOU ONE OF MIMI'S LEGS- HERE-

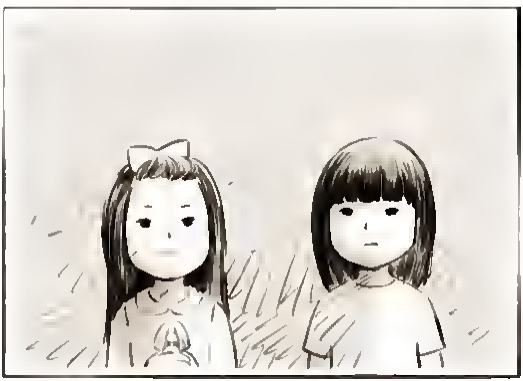
HER FATHER WAS A PROFESSIONAL SOLDIER,
SO SHE HAD TO MOVE AGAIN..

SHE LEFT ME WITH MIMI'S LEG..

SEVERAL YEARS WENT
BY AND I STARTED MY MIDDLE SCHOOL.

SOME OF MY FRIENDS WERE NOW
IN GRADE 6 OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

I COULDN'T EVER MEET MIMI AGAIN..
I IMAGINED HER LIVING HAPPILY SOMEWHERE,
MAKING A NEW FRIEND AND INTRODUCING
ALL OF HER SCHOOL FRIENDS TO THEM.



AFTER WAITING FOR SEVERAL
YEARS FOR HER OWNER TO RETURN,
MIMI'S LEG THAT I KEPT IN MY DRESSER
DRAWER ENDED UP GETTING LOST SOMEWHERE.

DRESSERS HAVE A MYSTERIOUS POWER TO THEM.
EVEN WHEN YOU PUT MEANINGFUL STUFF IN
THEM AND DON'T TAKE THEM OUT FOR YEARS..
AS TIME GOES BY.. THEY HAVE A WAY OF JUST
DISAPPEARING ON THEIR OWN..
LIKE MAGIC..